



## FELLOWSHIPS AT THE KÄTE HAMBURGER CENTRE FOR APOCALYPTIC AND POSTAPOCALYPTIC STUDIES AT THE UNIVERSITY OF HEIDELBERG (CAPAS)

CAPAS is a Centre for Advanced Studies at the University of Heidelberg, funded by the German Federal Ministry of Education and Research. It provides the space for a group of international scholars and scientists to conduct collaborative research on ideas and experiences of the doom of worlds and their aftermath. Its mission is to encourage the dialogue between the humanities and social and natural sciences, relating to (A) *the apocalyptic and postapocalyptic imaginary* (ideas, images, discourses), (B) *historical events that were perceived or framed as (post)apocalyptic experiences*, and (C) *current, empirically observable developments that could bring about the end of the world as we know it and its aftermath scenarios*. CAPAS is dedicated to innovative research relevant to society at large, particularly in areas beyond traditional academic boundaries. For further information on CAPAS please request a dossier (see below).

The topic of the 2020-2021 academic period are **apocalyptic and postapocalyptic figurations of epidemics and pandemics**, corresponding to research areas A, B, and C, with a focus on Covid-19, although not delimited to the current crisis. Proposals regarding the theoretical or methodological frame of CAPAS and on inter- and transdisciplinary approaches are also welcome. We invite applications for up to **5 junior or senior fellowships** starting March 2021 (beginning date is negotiable). We encourage joint applications. Fellowships are available for a duration of 6 to 12 months, including at least one academic term (April through July or October through February). Fellows must reside in Heidelberg during their funding period. They are expected to participate actively in the transdisciplinary program, as well as the social life at the centre and to contribute to its publications. English is the working language at the centre.

### The Fellowships

Fellows will be provided with office space, including work facilities, and logistic support. Fellows who take unpaid leave during their fellowship will receive financial compensation (€4000-7000). Alternatively, the centre pays for a teaching substitute at the home institution. Financial support is capped by the regulation of the German

Federal Ministry of Education and Research. Accommodation at the University Guesthouse will be available, but shall be paid for from the compensation or the regular salary.

### Eligibility

To be eligible for a CAPAS Fellowship, the candidate must at least hold the rank of assistant professor (or equivalent).

### Application

Applicants are asked to provide the following documents:

- a cover letter of one or two pages, indicating the motivation and the preferred time slot for the fellowship
- a curriculum vitae (max. 3 pages)
- a list of publications (max. 2 pages)
- a proposal for a research project (max. 1,000 words) related to the 2020-2021 topic of apocalyptic and postapocalyptic figurations of epidemics and pandemics, or a proposal for a contribution to the centre's theoretical or methodological frame

Applications should be submitted in one PDF to: Laura Mendoza, Fellowship Manager ([Laura.Mendoza@capas.uni-heidelberg.de](mailto:Laura.Mendoza@capas.uni-heidelberg.de)).

**The deadline for applications is December 21<sup>th</sup>, 2020.**

### Selection Process

The criteria for the selection process are the academic achievements of the applicants, or, in the case of junior fellows, proven potential, as well as the originality and relevance of their research project. The selection will be made by the advisory board in January 2021.

For further queries, please contact Felicitas Loest, Managing Director ([Felicitas.Loest@capas.uni-heidelberg.de](mailto:Felicitas.Loest@capas.uni-heidelberg.de)). A dossier on the Centre is also available from her.